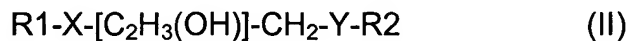


pearlescent agent, wherein said C₁₈ fatty alcohol and said C₂₂ fatty alcohol are present in a ratio of greater than 0.15.

19. The composition according to claim 18, wherein said at least one of an opacifier and a pearlescent agent is chosen from:

A) fatty dialkyl ethers which are solid at a temperature of less than or equal to 30°C;

B) alcohols containing from 27 to 48 carbon atoms and comprising one or two groups chosen from: ether, thioether and sulfoxide groups, wherein said alcohols correspond to formula (II):



in which

R1 and R2, independently of each other, are chosen from linear C₁₂ to C₂₄ alkyl groups,

X is chosen from an oxygen atom, a sulfur atom, a sulfoxide, and a methylene group,

Y is chosen from an oxygen atom, a sulfur atom, a sulfoxide, and a methylene group,

with the provisos that:

when Y is a methylene group, the sum of the number of carbon atoms present in the groups R1 and R2 combined ranges from 24 to 44 carbons inclusive,

when Y is not a methylene group, the sum of the number of carbon atoms present in the groups R1 and R2 combined ranges from 24 to 44 carbons inclusive,

if either X or Y is sulfoxide, then the other of X or Y is not sulfur; and

C) acyl derivatives.

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20. The composition according to claim 19, wherein when Y is a methylene group, the sum of the number of carbon atoms present in the groups R1 and R2 combined ranges from 28 to 40 inclusive.

21. The composition according to claim 19, wherein when Y is not a methylene group, the sum of the number of carbon atoms present in the groups R1 and R2 combined ranges from 28 to 40 inclusive.

22. The composition according to claim 19, wherein the fatty dialkyl ethers are chosen from dialkyl ethers of formula (I):



in which:

R and R', which may be identical or different, are chosen from saturated or unsaturated, linear or branched alkyl radicals comprising from 12 to 30 carbon atoms, R and R' being chosen such that the compound of formula (I) is solid at a temperature of less than or equal to 30°C.

23. The composition according to claim 22, wherein said alkyl radicals comprise from 14 to 24 carbon atoms.

24. The composition according to claim 22, wherein R and R' are identical.

25. The composition according to claim 19, wherein the at least one of an opacifier and a pearlescent agent is chosen from:

A) distearyl ether;

B) compounds of formula (II) in which X denotes oxygen, Y denotes methylene, and R1 and R2 denote radicals each containing 12 to 22 carbon atoms; and

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C) ethylene glycol distearate.

26. The composition according to claim 18, wherein said saturated linear C₂₂ fatty alcohol is present in said composition in an amount by weight ranging from 0.5% to 10%, relative to the total weight of the composition.

27. The composition according to claim 26, wherein said saturated linear C₂₂ fatty alcohol is present in said composition in an amount by weight ranging from 0.5% to 5%, relative to the total weight of the composition.

28. The composition according to claim 27, wherein said saturated linear C₂₂ fatty alcohol is present in said composition in an amount by weight ranging from 0.5% to 3%, relative to the total weight of the composition.

29. The composition according to claim 18, wherein said saturated linear C₁₈ fatty alcohol is present in said composition in an amount by weight ranging from 0.3% to 10%, relative to the total weight of the composition.

30. The composition according to claim 29, wherein said saturated linear C₁₈ fatty alcohol is present in said composition in an amount by weight ranging from 0.5% to 5%, relative to the total weight of the composition.

31. The composition according to claim 30, wherein the said saturated linear C₁₈ fatty alcohol is present in said composition in an amount by weight ranging from 0.5% to 3%, relative to the total weight of the composition.

32. The composition according to claim 18, wherein said C₁₈ fatty alcohol and said C₂₂ fatty alcohol are present in a ratio ranging from 0.2 to 20.

33. The composition according to claim 32, wherein said C₁₈ fatty alcohol and said C₂₂ fatty alcohol are present in a ratio ranging from 0.25 to 10.

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34. The composition according to claim 33, wherein said C₁₈ fatty alcohol and said C₂₂ fatty alcohol are present in a ratio ranging from 0.3 to 5.

35. The composition according to claim 18, wherein said at least one of an opacifier and a pearlescent agent is present in said composition in an amount by weight ranging from 0.5% to 15%, relative to the total weight of the composition.

36. The composition according to claim 35, wherein said at least one of an opacifier and a pearlescent agent is present in said composition in an amount by weight ranging from 1% to 5%, relative to the total weight of the composition.

37. The composition according to claim 18, wherein said at least one surfactant base is present in said composition in an amount by weight ranging from 1% to 60%, relative to the total weight of the composition.

38. The composition according to claim 37, wherein said at least one surfactant base is present in said composition in an amount by weight ranging from 3% to 40%, relative to the total weight of the composition.

39. The composition according to claim 38, wherein said at least one surfactant base is present in said composition in an amount by weight ranging from 5% to 30%, relative to the total weight of the composition.

40. The composition according to claim 18, wherein the composition further comprises at least one conditioner.

41. The composition according to claim 40, wherein said at least one conditioner is chosen from poly- α -olefins, fluoro oils, fluoro waxes, fluoro gums, carboxylic acid esters, silicones, cationic polymers, mineral, plant oils, animal oils, ceramides and pseudoceramides, and mixtures thereof.

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42. The composition according to claim 40, wherein said at least one conditioner is present in said composition in an amount by weight ranging from 0.001% to 10%, relative to the total weight of the composition.

43. The composition according to claim 42, wherein said at least one conditioner is present in said composition in an amount by weight ranging from 0.005% to 5%, relative to the total weight of the composition.

44. The composition according to claim 43, wherein said at least one conditioner is present in said composition in an amount by weight ranging from 0.01% to 3%, relative to the total weight of the composition.

45. The composition according to claim 18, wherein the composition is in the form of a gel, a milk, a cream, a thickened lotion, or a mousse.

46. The composition according to claim 18, wherein the composition is a foaming detergent composition chosen from shampoos, shower gels and bubble baths.

47. A suspension agent for a conditioner which is insoluble in a cosmetic composition, said suspension agent comprising at least one saturated linear C₂₂ fatty alcohol, at least one saturated linear C₁₈ fatty alcohol, and at least one of an opacifier and a pearlescent agent, wherein said C₁₈ fatty alcohol and said C₂₂ fatty alcohol are present in a ratio of greater than 0.15.

48. The suspension agent according to claim 47, wherein the cosmetic composition is a foaming conditioning and washing composition containing, in a cosmetically acceptable aqueous medium, a surfactant base.

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49. A method for giving a pearlescent effect to or improving the pearlescent effect of a composition comprising at least one of an opacifier and a pearlescent agent, and optionally at least one surfactant base, said method comprising combining at least one saturated linear C₂₂ fatty alcohol and at least one saturated linear C₁₈ fatty alcohol, wherein said C₁₈ fatty alcohol and said C₂₂ fatty alcohol are present in a ratio of greater than 0.15.

50. A method for treating a keratin material comprising applying to said keratin material a composition comprising, in a cosmetically acceptable medium, at least one surfactant base, at least one saturated linear C₂₂ fatty alcohol, at least one saturated linear C₁₈ fatty alcohol, and at least one of an opacifier and a pearlescent agent, said C₁₈ fatty alcohol and said C₂₂ fatty alcohol being present in a ratio of greater than 0.15, optionally followed by rinsing with water.

51. A method according to claim 50, wherein said keratin material is hair.

REMARKS

Claims 1-17 have been replaced by new claims 18-51. Support for the new claims can be found in the original specification and claims. Accordingly, no new matter has been added.

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